## **SENATE RESOLUTION 29**

## By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pam Pickens on her selection as the 2022-2023 Sunny Hill Intermediate School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pam Pickens is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickens has been selected as the 2022-2023 Sunny Hill Intermediate School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Haywood County, Ms. Pickens received a bachelor's degree in special education from Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate leader, Ms. Pickens has been an educator for eighteen years; she served as a special education teacher's assistant for twelve years before she committed to a classroom of her own, and she has taught at nearly every school in the Haywood County school system; and

WHEREAS, aside from her many professional accomplishments, Ms. Pickens is most grateful for the love and support of her cherished son, Keon; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pickens serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Pam Pickens truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate

Pam Pickens on being chosen as the 2022-2023 Sunny Hill Intermediate School Teacher of the

Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional

expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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